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Democrats blame White House 'Qaddafi threat used to divert attention'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP) — Muammar Qaddafi's alleged plot to kill President Ronald Reagan has the flavor of a spy thriller — and Democrats have started to suggest that the White House is playing it just that way in order to turn attention away from administration problems at home.

The reported threat has prompted intense security around Reagan and other top administration officials, a passport ban and a summons to Americans now in Libya to leave that country. But even members of Congress who have had secret intelligence briefings on the case came away divided as to how serious it really is.

Senate Democratic whip Alan Cranston of California, who has received three intelligence briefings, said he considers the threat serious, but suggested that the White House may be using it to divert attention from bad economic news.

Senator Ernest F. Hollings expressed the same feeling during a debate on the administration's rising budget deficits. "They are putting on all the public relations acts they can think of," he said.

"I think the White House is blowing this thing way out of proportion," said another senator briefed on the Reagan administration's evidence.

The senator, who asked not to be identified, said both the CIA and FBI have expressed concern about the soundness of the intelligence reports on the hit team. He also said some of the information at briefings has been contradictory, but he would not elaborate.

"I really wish our government would understate this issue and take a much lower profile," said Senator Patrick J. Leahy, an intelligence committee member. "The more attention we in government attract to it, the more importance we attract to Qaddafi and that's an importance he doesn't deserve."

Although the purported assassination bid has prompted new U.S. warnings to Qaddafi, some U.S. intelligence experts harbor serious doubts about the reliability of reports about "hit squads" stalking the president, government sources say.

Meanwhile, Kuwait on Sunday attacked the United States for what it described as an "unjustified and unprecedented escalation against Libya" and offered to come to Libya's aid in dealing with the situation, a government spokesman said.

Abdul Aziz Hussein, minister of state for cabinet affairs, said the Kuwaiti cabinet met

Poland put on siege; leaders held

WARSAW, Dec. 13 (Agencies) — Tanks were in the streets, Solidarity union leaders were in jail, labor activities were suspended, Polish airspace and borders were closed and a curfew was instituted Sunday, as Polish authorities moved to enforce the first state of siege declared in a socialist country in 25 years.

The Solidarity union federation's branch at the giant Ursus tractor factory in suburban Warsaw immediately distributed leaflets in the streets, saying "our reaction, in conformity with our statutes, can only be a general strike in the entire country." The state of siege, declared early Sunday by party leader Wojciech Jaruzelski, led to a roundup of all the Solidarity union federation leaders meeting in Gdansk except Lech Walesa, the union's leader.

Walesa, given a choice between prison and negotiation with Minister for Union Affairs Stanislaw Ciosek, chose to talk, an informed source said. The militia also ransacked the Solidarity headquarters in downtown Warsaw, causing extensive damage and cutting off union communications. Dozens of former government figures, including former party chief Edward Gierek, ex-Prime Minister Piotr Jaroszewicz and former politburo members Zdzislaw Gruzinski, Jerzy Lukaszewicz, Jan Szydlak and Tadeusz Wrzeszczak were also arrested, "for the errors in the 1970s."

Among other actions taken were the following:

- A military council of national cooperation was formed, in a move which Gen. Jaruzelski acknowledged "implied the temporary limiting of civil liberties."
- A curfew was instituted throughout Poland, and will be in effect from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. local time.
- Borders were closed and airspace was restricted to internal traffic, according to a Polish aviation administration message reaching Helsinki. The Yugoslav news agency Tanjug said all international flights departing from Warsaw had been canceled.
- Union activities were suspended until further notice.
- Regional television and radio stations were closed, and a sole station staffed by government-approved workers was broadcasting out of Warsaw.
- Telephone and telex lines abroad were interrupted. All schools — from kindergarten to university — will be indefinitely closed from Monday.
- Security forces descended on the Warsaw branch of the Solidarity for a second time by early afternoon Sunday to evacuate union members gathered there. A large police con-

tingent cordoned off the street on which the branch headquarters is located while the 2,000 persons who had gathered outside the building sang the national anthem and the hymn "God save Poland." Because of the crowd, it was impossible to see how many

ism and yachting in the Baltic Sea region.

Authorities ordered all Poles to carry their national identity cards at all times, and all persons involved in work considered vital to security and civil defense were put under the army's authority, with television anchormen



"named military commissars at all levels of the public and economic administration." "It is not a dictatorship nor a military coup d'etat," he told the nation in a 6:00 a.m. radio broadcast. "As none of the Polish problems can in the end be resolved by force... But this military council was the last chance before the collapse of the state," he said.

The Polish party leader, who is also premier and foreign minister, said "Solidarity extremists and others threatening state security will go before martial courts." A later Polish radio broadcast monitored in Munich, West Germany, said the military commissions would apply the law "with the utmost rigor," but would not prosecute infractions that occurred before Sunday.

Observers abroad noted that the broadcast refrained from using Jaruzelski's title of Communist Party secretary, and that the early morning speech was geared to touch Polish patriotism and the Poles' respect for their country's uniform.

Jaruzelski's speech centered on the idea of a national catastrophe, and he signed off with the opening words of the national anthem: "Poland shall not die while we still live." The premier appealed to "international opinion" and to Poland's "non-Socialist partners" to understand the reasons behind the state of siege. He emphasized that this was brought on by an "extraordinary situation," adding that Poland "hoped for the respect of the world."

Concerning relations with the Kremlin, Jaruzelski said that the Soviet alliance was the "keystone" of Polish national interest. But he added that Poland, as a "country of tens of millions of inhabitants, could not accept the shameful status of a satellite."

The government moves followed a decision late Saturday night by Solidarity's national coordinating committee to organize by Feb. 15 a referendum "either nationwide or within the union" on the Polish government's record and methods.

It also came at a time of heightened tension between the two sides, with even Walesa — who often has been criticized by his fellow union members as too conciliatory — predicting "inevitable confrontation. The proclamation was the first in an attempt to Europeanize since the Hungarian insurrection of Oct. 1956.

Even when it put down the Baltic riots of 1970, the Polish government did not resort to issuing a state of siege edict. Instead, it used a decree allowing militia and police to fire upon the crowd in case of rioting and looting. In Hungary, martial law was proclaimed Oct. 24, 1956, during an anti-Stalinist uprising that led to intervention by Soviet troops.

Diana tops popularity poll

LONDON, Dec. 13 (AP) — Princess Diana has become the favorite member of Britain's royal family and the monarchy is more popular as a result of her marriage to Prince Charles, according to a poll carried by the Sunday News of The World.

The newspaper said that nearly two-thirds of those interviewed rated the 20-year-old princess number one. Her husband Prince Charles was second and her mother-in-law, Queen Elizabeth II, was third. In a 1973 poll, more than one-third of those questioned wanted to abolish the monarchy. "Now only six percent want to scrap it," the newspaper reported.

The polling service, Audience Selection, reported on royal popularity after telephone interviews last week with 558 persons throughout Britain. In the latest poll, support for the queen was slashed from 40 percent to 18 percent, while her daughter Anne, sister Margaret and cousin Alexandra completely dropped out of the royal running, the weekly said.

Prince Charles and his mother were voted first and second favorites in a similar poll a year ago, before Diana became news.

The engagement of Lady Diana Spencer to the heir to the throne was announced in February. They were wed July 29 and Buckingham Palace announced Nov. 5 that the princess expects a baby next June. The poll said that 41 percent of the women questioned "believe the quick pregnancy was bad for her



Diana Spencer

To the question, who is your favorite member of the royal family, 61 percent of all persons polled replied Princess Diana. 22 percent said Prince Charles, 10 percent the queen, six percent the queen mother and one percent Prince Andrew, the second of the queen's three sons.

Car blast kills two in London

LONDON, Dec. 13 (AFP) — A booby-trapped car exploded Sunday afternoon in central London's Connaught Square killing two persons and wounding another, first reports said.

Responsibility for the blast was not immediately claimed. Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad was investigating the blast, and a police spokesman said it was "possible" that the Irish Republican Army was involved.

Earthquake kills 6 in Baluchistan

QUETTA, Dec. 13 (AP) — Six persons died and 12 were injured, including one seriously, Sunday when a moderately strong earthquake struck the southwestern Pakistan province of Baluchistan, the state-owned Pakistan television reported.

All of the casualties reported so far occurred in Koshkak, a village located about 42 kms south of Quetta, the provincial capital, it said. The community's 33 mud-walled dwellings all were destroyed, it quoted a local official, Assistant District Commissioner Abdul Khaliq, as saying. However, 20 of the houses were vacant at the time.

Many of the local residents were away for the cold winter season, which apparently prevented more casualties. Meanwhile, medical teams and provincial officials with emergency relief supplies and medicine rushed to the affected area, AP added.

The quake occurred at 0126 local time Sunday (2026 GMT Saturday), according to the Peshawar seismological station, Koshkak, which has a population of about 300, is four kms from Chiltan Mountain, the tremor's epicenter, Pakistan television said.

The quake registered 5.1 on the Richter Scale of magnitude. An earthquake measuring 5 can cause considerable damage. Sunday afternoon, survivors were busy digging through the rubble of their homes for valuables, the television report said.

Medical teams and provincial officials rushed emergency relief supplies, including tents, food and medicine, to the village, located about 690 kms north of Karachi.

The most seriously-injured man, a villager named Mubammad Hayat who was hit on the head by a falling beam, was hospitalized in Quetta. Three of the fatal victims were children, a 10-year-old boy and a boy and girl both aged 12.

Abdul Khaliq, a local assistant district commissioner, quoted a nomad living in a nearby camp as saying that the earthquake was immediately preceded by a brilliant flash of light over Chiltan Mountain and the sound of a loud blast.

America consults allies, sets up task force

LONDON, Dec. 13 (R) — Western governments kept close contact on the Polish crisis Sunday and officials said Poland, after 18 months of tension, now faced its gravest dangers.

They said the country could be plunged into chaos — with a serious risk of Soviet intervention — if militant workers challenged a government decision to impose martial law.

But official analysts said they believed Polish leader Wojciech Jaruzelski still had a fighting chance in trying to avert civil war and somehow keep the nation together.

U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig and other NATO foreign ministers discussed latest developments in a round of telephone calls soon after Poland declared a state of emergency under a new military council of national salvation.

Haig, in Brussels after a NATO meeting, delayed his departure on the next leg of a seven-nation tour to stay closer to developments.

Officials said Haig sent personal messages to the 14 other NATO foreign ministers, but a U.S. spokesman in Brussels refused to say what they contained. Britain said it was consulting allies and other friendly countries. In Washington, the Reagan administration set up a special task force to monitor the situation, and officials in other NATO capitals said they were seeking clarification of the Warsaw government's intentions.

West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher spoke by telephone with Haig, French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson and British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington in "a first exchange of views on the available information." Cheysson told French radio: "We are pleased to say that we see no sign of a foreign threat at the moment."

Western analysts said the key question was whether the 10-million-strong Solidarity trade union movement would take to the streets or try to defy the army through civil disobedience.

They said another imponderable issue was whether Poland's 320,000 troops would stay loyal to the Communist regime if they were ordered into action against workers. Western governments thought there was a strong possibility of Soviet intervention in the months immediately following the start of the Polish labor and political crisis last year.

But although Soviet reinforcements dug in around Poland's borders last winter, Moscow made no military move. The Western view since then has been that a Soviet invasion was unlikely except as a last-resort action.

The Polish decision to crack down with the use of the country's own forces had been widely forecast as inevitable if Solidarity intensified its challenge to the Communist regime, Analysis said Gen. Jaruzelski, prime

minister since February and Communist party chief for only two months, now appeared set on destroying the independent union movement or at least sharply reducing its political authority.

NATO officials in several capitals said the situation was unpredictable because it was unclear how far the anti-Solidarity crackdown would be pressed.

"We are not absolutely sure what Gen. Jaruzelski's objectives are. We are keeping a very close eye on the situation," a British foreign office official said. NATO sources said they still held to the basic Western view that the Soviet Union was unlikely to intervene unless the Polish situation deteriorated dangerously.

But the crackdown and the involvement of the military could provoke a breakdown of law and order in which Moscow might feel it was a greater risk to stay out than to invade. Western officials believe the Soviet Union would risk intervention, despite unpredictable international consequences, if there was a danger of Poland leaving the Communist camp or if vital military rail links with East Germany were endangered.

Analysts said the coming days would be critical in showing whether Solidarity intended to fight or if there was still a possibility of reopening a dialogue with its less radical leaders. Some Solidarity officials have been arrested.

It was also questionable whether Poland's shattered economy could withstand a major national upheaval.

Poles now face serious food shortages and banks about \$24 billion. Western governments and banks have been cautious in recent months over providing further credits.

NATO has ruled out military action over Poland but has drawn up a list of severe trade and other counter-measures against Moscow to be applied if there is a Soviet invasion.

NATO foreign ministers have said they will meet in emergency session if an outside threat to Poland develops.

But they have not said so far what the West would do if Poland's own rulers cracked down against Solidarity.

Western leaders have said repeatedly that East-West détente, already weakened by Soviet intervention in Afghanistan two years ago, would be dealt a punishing blow if Moscow moved militarily in the heart of Europe.

U.S.-Soviet arms talks started in Geneva two weeks ago, and American officials have spoken of a possible meeting between President Reagan and Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev in 1982.

Analysts argued that only overriding top security considerations would persuade Moscow to put its entire political relationship with

Riyadh condemns Iran executions

RIYADH, Dec. 13 (SPA) — The execution by Iran of 1,500 Iraqi prisoners of war was a heinous crime that ran contrary to the tenets of Islam and international laws, the Royal Court said here Sunday.

In a formal commentary on the executions, the court said the Saudi Arabian government strongly denounced the crime which contradicted the simplest rules of humanity, the teachings of Islam and the Geneva agreement about the treatment of prisoners of war.

Iraq announced last week that it had sufficient evidence to prove that the Iranians had murdered all 1,500 prisoners of war they had captured in recent battles.

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By end of 1982

Jeddah to have six million trees

By Maher Abbas
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 13 — Jeddah Municipality has allocated SR102 million for reforestation projects in the city during the 1981-82 budget.

Apicorp to meet in Alkhubar

By a Staff Writer

ALKHOBAR, Dec. 13 — The directors of the Arab Petroleum Investment Corporation (Apicorp) will meet here Dec. 21 to review a number of matters dealing with investments in some member states, officials announced here Sunday.

Saudi Arabia's representative Jamal Hassan Jawa who is also deputy governor of Petromin will chair the board's meetings.

During its last meeting in June, the board approved the annual report and adopted studies of proposed investments and joint ventures for industries related to Arab petroleum-based industries. They included chemical detergents, lube oil and artificial rubber factories.

Apicorp is made up of the Kingdom, Kuwait, the U.A.E., Iraq, Qatar, Syria, Libya, Bahrain and Algeria. It was formed to direct investments to petroleum-related projects like the detergent plant in Iraq at a cost of 72 million dinars. The company will put up 25 percent of the plant's capital. Member coun-

according to officials Sunday.

Despite the difficulties in the city's soil, coupled with a high ratio of salinity, the municipality plans to plant half a million saplings until the end of 1982, bringing the total to some six million, according to Mustafa

Fahmi, the municipality's reforestation department director.

Under these guidelines, nearly 10,000 students from 91 schools will take part in a huge tree-planting project for the city by the end of the month, Fahmi told Arab News.

Makkah Governor Prince Majed will dedicate the program, the largest of its kind in the city's history. The week will be divided into two phases extending from the Corniche to the Kbozam Palace, not far from the Meridien hotel, encompassing an area of 25 square kilometers. A total of 86,000 saplings will be planted, Fahmi said.

Prizes will be given to the most active schools which account for the largest number of saplings planted, and best municipal workers, drivers, and other personnel taking part in the project and contributing to its success. The municipal nurseries in the city will provide the plants.

Already the municipality has planted over five million saplings in 750 gardens and 750,000 square meters of roads and other areas, Fahmi said.

Meanwhile, Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi has approved the establishment of a sport and cultural club for the municipality personnel, Wahib Attar, director of the central cleanlines department, has said.

Attar was appointed head of the sports and cultural committee for the municipality. The club's director will be Abdullah Omar Attar. The club has already arranged for several football matches.

Minister orders punishment of corrupt traders

By Habib Rahman
Arab News Staff

RIYADH, Dec. 13 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif has approved a decision to punish Muhammad Abdul Rahman Zahran, an Egyptian, by fining him a total of SR6,000 and deporting him after he was found guilty of commercial fraud.

The decision, presented by the Central Committee for combating Commercial Fraud, called for fining Zahran SR2,000 for filling tap water into bottles which bear the Fontana trade mark, packing them and displaying them as mineral water; and SR2,000 for selling adulterated goods which are unfit for human consumption; and an other SR2,000 for manufacturing mineral water at his house.

Prince Naif also agreed to the committee's recommendations calling for deporting all foreigners related to the case and fining Muhammad Taha Abdullah and Kheiri Abdul Fattah, both Egyptian nationals, SR2,000 each for participating in selling commodities unfit for human consumption.

The convicts also included Abdul Rauf Bashnaq, a Jordanian; Ziad Wasfi Fakhrudin, a Jordanian; Abdul Salam Ahmad Ayyad, a Palestinian; SR2,000 each for being parties to the crime.

The convicts were arrested while selling fake mineral water to pilgrims during the 1980 season.

Embassy opened recently

Sri Lanka seeks more trade

JEDDAH, Dec. 13 — Sri Lanka is seeking greater trade dealings with the Kingdom, according to Muhammad Royal Thassim, the country's first ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Sunday.

In an interview with Arab News, Thassim said that the opening of an embassy here by Sri Lanka will further elevate the traditional relations between the two countries.

The ambassador added that before 1973, Sri Lanka had a favorable balance of trade with the Kingdom. But soon after that the surplus turned into a deficit which continues to grow steadily. Sri Lanka's trade with Saudi Arabia consists mainly of tea exports and the import of petroleum products. "We also export small quantities of cardamom cloves, coconut oil, ready-made garments, desiccated coconut and other spices," he said.

In 1976, Sri Lanka imported 595.5 million rupees worth of petroleum products from the Kingdom against 122.2 million of exports; in 1977, imports stood at 747.2 million while exports reached 175 million. The two-way

trade jumped in 1978 to 1385.3 million rupees of imports and 626.9 million exports. It further increased to 1569.7 million of imports against 448.6 million in export for 1979. Last year, the export figure slightly rose to 607 million while oil imports from Saudi Arabia touched an all-time record of 3527.5 million rupees.

Sri Lanka's largest export commodity is tea. In 1976, tea accounted for 84.8 percent of the total value of its exports; in 1977 it represented 75.4 percent; in 1978, 91.7 percent; in 1979, 80.6 percent; and in 1980 tea exports stood at 88 percent.

The two countries established diplomatic relations in 1974 but the opening of the embassy was delayed until this year. There are nearly about 20,000 Sri Lankans working in different fields in the Kingdom.

Last year, 800 pilgrims came for the Hajj and the number will certainly go up next year due to the opening of the embassy, he said.

He added that the embassy has undertaken a survey of the market in the Kingdom, and after the completion of the survey, necessary steps will be taken to boost trade.

Bangladesh leader hails Kingdom

RIYADH, Dec. 13 (SPA) — Bangladesh President Abdul Sattar reiterated his country's full support to the Saudi Arabian peace plan for the Middle East Sunday describing it as a successful initiative that forms, the right path for solving the crucial Mideast issue. President Sattar, during a recent meeting in Dacca with Prince Talal ibn Abdul Aziz,

honorary assistant secretary general of the United Nations, hailed the existing excellent relations between Bangladesh and Saudi Arabia. In an interview with *Al-Medina*, the president praised the enormous aid extended by Saudi Arabia to his country, enabling Bangladesh to carry out its development plans towards self-sufficiency.

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Protests to Iran

Bahrain discloses arrest of saboteurs

MANAMA, Dec. 13 (SPA) — Police have arrested a group of saboteurs who intended to carry out subversive activities in Bahrain and other Gulf states, it was announced here Sunday.

The Interior Ministry said that the group of Bahrainis and other Gulf nationals had arrived from Iran where they had been trained in subversion and supplied with arms and telecommunications equipment. They had instructions to blow up some "vital installations and spread fear and chaos." They also aimed at attacking senior government officials, security and defense forces, the announcement said.

Preliminary inquiries have revealed that

the group and those behind it had intended to subvert all the states in the region, the ministry said. Further investigations will be made in order to establish the complete objectives of the group and the "true dimensions of the blueprint to destabilize the region and disturb the security of the people."

The authorities have taken special precautions to save the peace and the safety of the people and appealed to the public to help the security forces to learn the truth of this conspiracy and arrest all those connected with it.

A strongly worded protest has been sent to Iran denouncing these "irresponsible acts" which hurt bilateral relations and the security of the region and its people.

BRIEFS

JEDDAH, — A seminar on the present and future of the Saudi Arabian press will be held at King Abdul Aziz University Monday. Those taking part include the editors-in-chief of *Okaz*, *Arab News*, the chairman of the municipal council in Makkah, a senior official of the Information Ministry and a professor of mass communications at the university.

TOBRUK, (SPA) — The board of the Saudi-Tunisian Development Investment Company met here Saturday under its president Dr. Mahsoun Jalal. It discussed a number of projects to be set up in Tunisia, including a 6 million Tunisian dinar husbandry project and some tourism ventures.

RIYADH, (SPA) — A spokesman for the Ministry of Finance and National Economy said Saturday night that the amendment introduced to the tables attached to the economic agreement between the governments of Saudi Arabia and Bahrain in 1975 calls for the addition of a number of items to be exempted from customs in case they are imported or exported between the two countries. It also provides for the amendment of some names.

ISLAMABAD, (SPA) — The Organization of the Islamic Conference will prepare

KAU plans postgraduate engineering

By Ahmad Kamal Khuroo

JEDDAH, Dec. 13 — The College of Engineering of the King Abdul Aziz University will introduce for the first time postgraduate studies in civil, electrical, mechanical and industrial engineering. They are also planning to start a B.S. degree in chemical engineering with emphasis on petrochemicals and refining, according to M.O. Jamjoom, Dean of the college.

Although the graduate courses of the college have been only for full-timers, Dr. Jamjoom told *Arab News* Sunday that for the new postgraduate courses they will take both full-timers and part-timers. "We aim to attract Saudi engineers who are working for the government to those courses," he said, "as they cannot be expected to leave their jobs if they want to continue studies."

He revealed that the college had 41 research projects undertaken by faculty members during 1981. Fifteen projects have been approved for next year, with another four likely to be awarded during the next four months.

Kingdom's service to Muslims lauded

BRUSSELS, Dec. 13 (SPA) — Saudi Charge d'Affaires in Belgium Sheikh Sulaiman Gabel attended the opening ceremony of a mosque belonging to the Albanian Islamic Association here Saturday.

In a speech on the occasion, Sheikh Muhammad Al-Alawain, secretary general of Europe's Continental Council of Mosques, hailed the Kingdom's efforts in serving Islam and Muslims and building mosques throughout the world. The council's General Secretariat had given three million Belgian francs for the construction of the mosque which includes a school and a cultural center for the Albanian Muslim refugees.

The Albanian Islamic Association has addressed cables to King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd and Sheikh Muhammad Al-Alawain, thanking them for their continuous support to Muslims everywhere.

In a separate development, the director of the Makkah-based Muslim World League office in New York Saturday sent a cable to Prince Sultan, the defense and aviation minis-

ter, to thank him on behalf of Muslims living in the United States for his recent visit to Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan and his donation of medical equipment, tents and funds.

Meanwhile, the Continental Council of Mosques for North American and Canada sent a cable to Prince Sultan praising the efforts exerted by King Khaled, Prince Fahd and the Saudi government for promoting Islamic causes defending Muslim's prime cause of Palestine and helping the Muslims of Afghanistan.

Likewise, Dr. Bashir Zakaria, the head of the Muslim Medical Doctors Association in America, cabled his thanks to Prince Sultan, on behalf of Afghan refugees in the United States and Canada, for the noble gesture of inspecting refugee camps in Peshawar, Pakistan, and granting relief aid for the winter.

Zakaria said that such a gesture was not new on the part of Saudi Arabia which always comes forward, in the name of Islamic solidarity, to help Muslims wherever they may be.

Company banned for violating rules

JEDDAH, Dec. 13 — Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaiman has canceled the commercial registration of Bovis Saudi Limited, a British Saudi Arabian partnership for violation of the rules, according to *Al-Riyadh* newspaper Sunday.

The newspaper quoted Deputy Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Zamel as saying that the company had been banned from doing

any work in the Kingdom by a royal order. All government departments have been warned against dealing with it.

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Decision angers American Arab group

U.S. extradites Abu Eian to Israel

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP) — The State Department on Saturday sent a Palestinian charged in a marketplace bombing back to Israel, climaxing a two-year legal battle over his freedom.

Saturday. "Without help from one of the guards... we wouldn't have even known that he was gone."

He said he had submitted petitions signed by 30,000 Arab-Americans at the State Department on Friday, and was told that it would be presented to Clark.

"This has been a front-page story in every Arab capital for the last year," he said.

Abu Eian was charged with murder after a May 1979 marketplace bombing in the West Bank city of Tiberias. Two boys were killed and 36 others injured in the blast.

Chad trying to retake Abeche

PARIS, Dec. 13 (AFP) — Chadian government forces have pushed back troops loyal to rebel former Defense Minister Hiscene Habre to within 30 miles of the eastern Chadian town of Abeche.

three weeks ago. Last weekend Chadian radio reported that the government had started a "general offensive" to retake the town.

The FAN troops were accompanied by "Sudanese forces," Jana said. Khartoum has always denied being militarily involved in Chad.

On Oct. 13, the supreme court refused to hear his case letting stand a lower-court ruling permitting extradition. Under U.S. law, after a person has exhausted his legal appeals the government has two calendar months to decide whether to extradite or release him.

In a memorandum on his decision, Clark wrote: "I do not and need not for the purposes of extradition make any decision on the question of Abu Eian's guilt or innocence. That determination can be made only by a trial court... Abu Eian has stated that if he 'could be assured of a just trial in an open system, he would have nothing to fear.' I believe he has those assurances."

Extradition law and the U.S. treaty with Israel require that Israel show that there is probable cause to believe Abu Eian should be tried, not that he is guilty. The lower-court ruling found probable cause based in large part on a statement given in Israel by Abu Eian's alleged accomplice in the bombing, Jamal Hasan Ahmad Yasin.

Arab parley urged to mull French stand

DAMASCUS, Dec. 13 (R) — Arab officials in charge of an economic boycott of Israel began a four-day conference here Saturday with a senior official calling for new rules to cover emergency cases such as "France's departure from its stand on Arab rights".

Nourallah Nourallah, commissioner-general of the Arab Boycott of Israel Offices, said in an opening speech that changes should be considered to face what he called French anti-boycott legislation and France's "departure from its stand on Arab rights".

His comments followed remarks by French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson during a recent visit to Israel that neither France nor Western Europe should tell countries in the Middle East how to run their affairs.

French officials have since said some of Cheysson's statements were misinterpreted and that there was no major change in France's views on the Middle East conflict.



ON ALERT: The Egyptian military have been on constant alert in the streets of Cairo since the assassination of President Anwar Sadat in October. Special patrols have been set up at key points throughout the city to counter any subversive acts. Seen here are two guards at a roadside checkpoint in the city.

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Kuwait warns Europe against policy change

KUWAIT, Dec. 13 (AP) — Kuwait, after castigating French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson for his statements on Europe's role in the Middle East, Sunday cautioned members of the European Economic Council against any shift in their Mideast policies.

Abdul Aziz Hussein, Kuwaiti state minister for cabinet affairs said that if France and any other EEC member abandons previous resolutions regarding the Palestinian question they would lose world confidence. He said Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad had submitted a report to the

Kuwaiti cabinet on French policy in the Middle East.

Cheysson's statements in Israel were described in Kuwait as "a serious reversal" of France's traditional policies in the region and were sharply criticized by the Arab press.

"We hope that after continued dialogue France will become well aware of the realities of the Middle East," Hussein said adding that any new stands could "adversely affect Arab-European relations and European interests in the Arab world."

Two new ministers named in Iran

BEIRUT, Dec. 13 (AP) — The Iranian regime Sunday moved to complete its cabinet, as the Mujahedeen Khalq, Iran's chief opposition guerrilla group, claimed several dissident teachers were killed by revolutionary guards.

(Majlis) Ali Akbar Velayati to fill the vacant position of the foreign minister, while naming a new minister of interior, clergyman Ali Akbar Nateq Noori, to replace Kameleddin Nikravesh.

Iran also named Sa'eed Rajai as its permanent representative to the United Nations.

Bomb explosion kills one in Beirut

BEIRUT, Dec. 13 (R) — A young man was killed and a number of passersby were wounded Saturday when a bomb exploded in west Beirut. Police said they believed the

young man was carrying the bomb. Security sources said the explosion, the latest of a series of blasts in different parts of Lebanon, also caused material damage.

Morocco seeking U.S. arms

LONDON, Dec. 13 (ONS) — Two recent victories by the Polisario Front over the Moroccan army leave the Algerian-based fighters poised to assume control of the greater part of the Western Sahara which they have been claiming as their own since fighting began six years ago.

Moroccan sources confirmed last week that the army had abandoned after razing to the ground, the only two garrison posts it still maintained outside the 500-kilometer defensive wall built to protect the main population centers and the phosphate mines. This leaves the second largest town, Dakhla, near the Mauritania border, and four-fifths of the desert terrain at the mercy of the Polisario.

Such Polisario victories have prompted Morocco to look for outside help. King Hassan himself is expected to visit Washington in the new year.

The king believes that without more American weapons and anti-insurgency surveillance hardware Morocco could end up losing the struggle. He has already accepted the principle of a referendum to decide the fate of the territory and has committed himself to holding it next year. At that time, Morocco was in total military control.

Today, however, there is nothing to stop Polisario fighters pouring through the mountain passes from Mauritania into Guelma Zemmour, and from there either striking north at Bojador and the perimeter wall or southwest, through Bir Enzaran, to Dakhla, the capital of one of Morocco's "new" provinces.

Lebanese accord 'key to Syrian withdrawal'

BEIRUT, Dec. 13 (AFP) — Syria is ready to recall its troops, serving as an Arab Deterrent Force in Lebanon, as soon as rival Lebanese factions agree to sit down to talks and work out common objectives, Syrian President Hafez Assad reportedly said in an interview with two Kuwaiti newspapers.

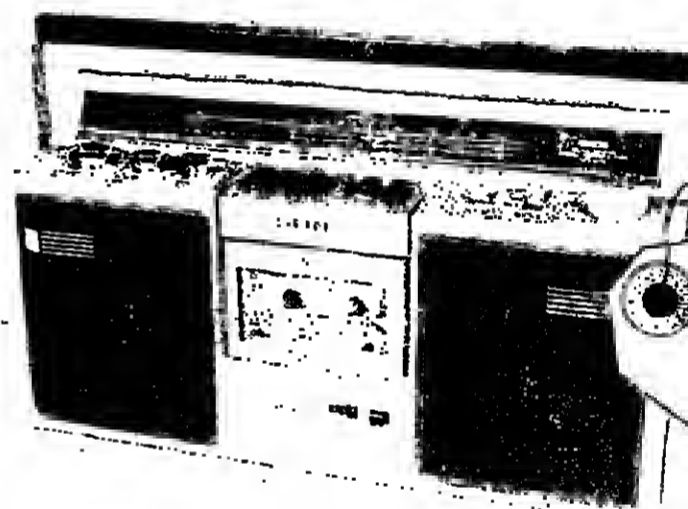
According to the interview, quoted Sunday by Lebanese newspapers, President Assad said Syria would agree to all demands once the Lebanese got down to talks among themselves.

"If the Lebanese, reaching mutual agreement, ask for the withdrawal of the Arab Deterrent Force, we shall do so with thanks. If (the Lebanese) ask us to stay, we shall accomplish our brotherly duty, without any consideration for difficulties," he said.

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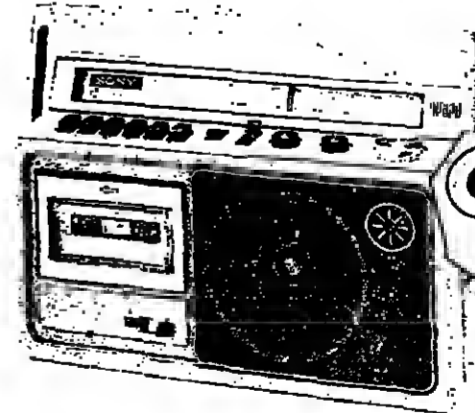
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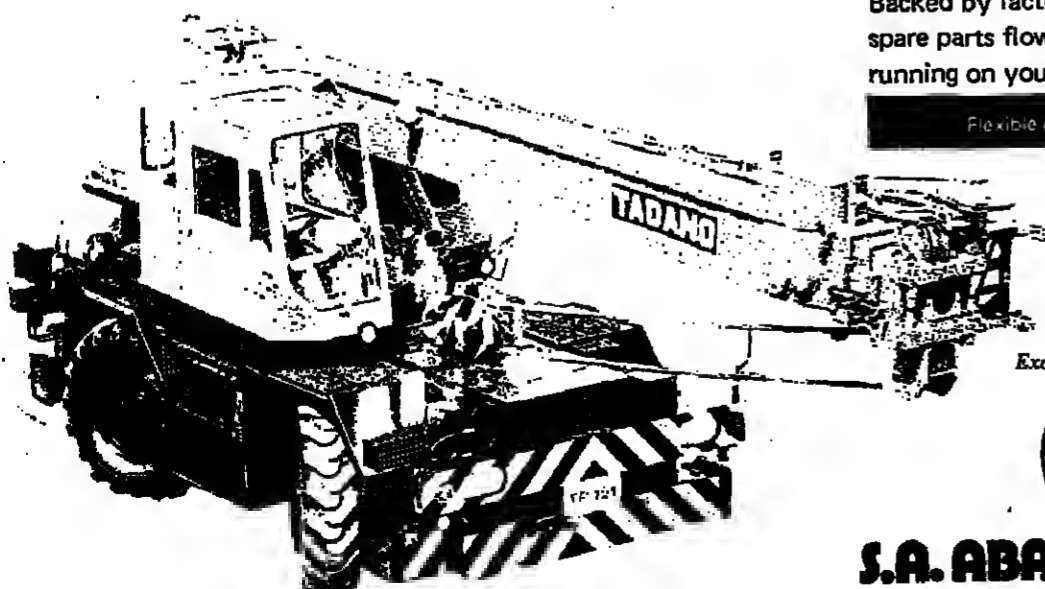


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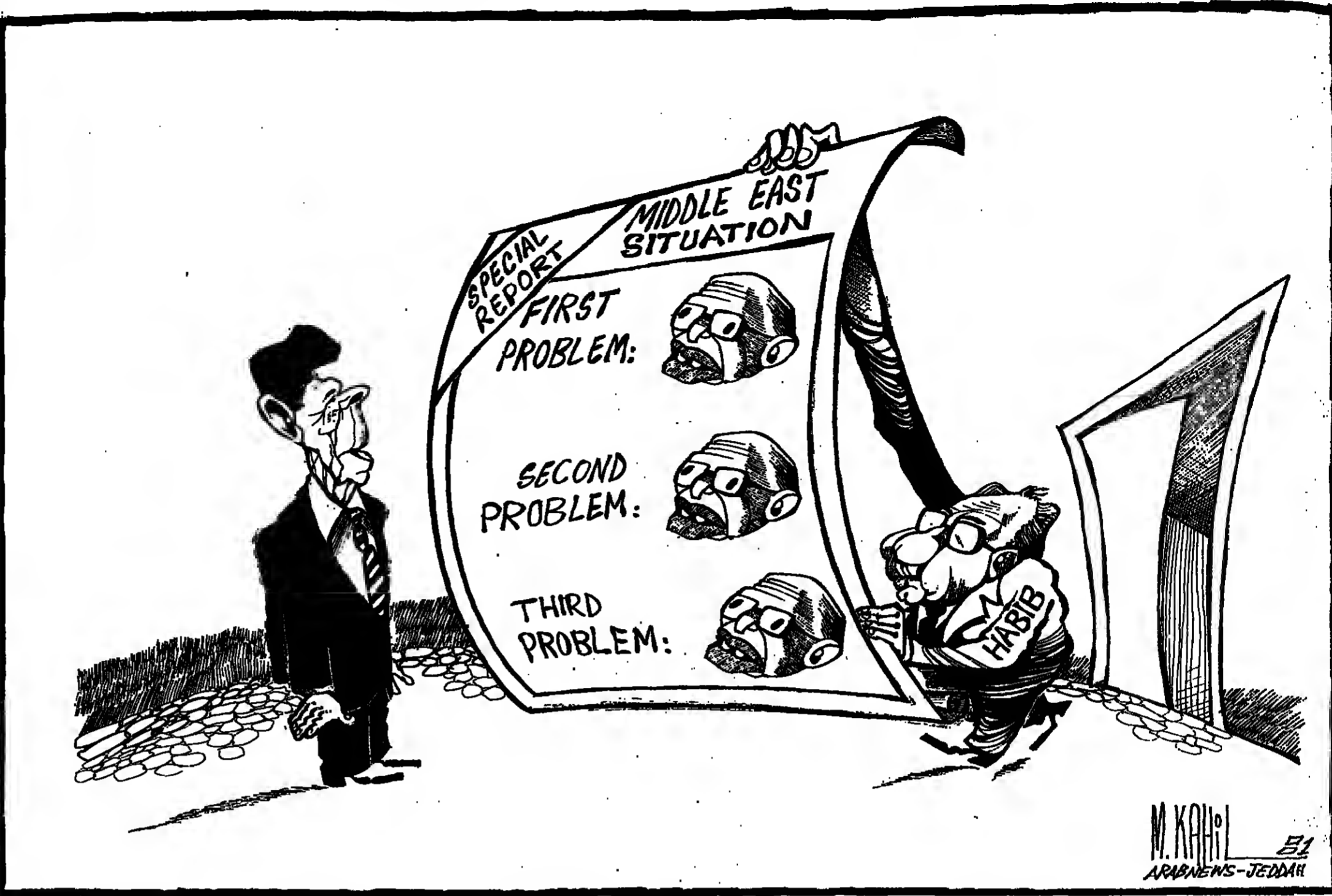
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Nuclear weapons proliferate under Reagan

By Peter Pringle

WASHINGTON — Few could quarrel with Senator Charles Percy, the Republican chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, when he says that nuclear weapons proliferation is "the most important problem we face". But when his committee held public hearings on proliferation last week only four of the 17 senators on the committee turned up (they supposedly had more pressing engagements), and the hearing was not reported at all in the *New York Times* and only made the bottom of page 17 in the *Washington Post*.

This was symptomatic of the disconcerting reluctance on behalf of the Republican-controlled Senate and the Reagan administration to take more than a half-hearted interest in the problem. Under Reagan America's nuclear non-proliferation efforts have been steadily eroded. The Senate has voted on aid for Pakistan in defiance of a law prohibiting assistance to a country trying to make nuclear weapons; the administration has been unwilling to use diplomatic leverage to reprimand France for supplying fuel rods to South Africa (a country that refuses to accept international safeguards on its nuclear facilities); the administration has agreed to supply Australia with classified uranium enrichment technology; the administration, without consulting Congress, has allowed Japan to reprocess U.S.-supplied nuclear fuel and, it seems, may soon permit India to do the same despite India's refusal to accept safeguards.

In an apparent effort to counter this wily-nilly spread of nuclear materials around the world, voices from inside the nuclear establishment itself have recently criticized the centerpiece of the international effort against nuclear weapons proliferation — the safeguards system. The system is a *quid pro quo* arrangement under the 1970 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty whereby nations with new nuclear power programs agree to forgo nuclear weapons and to have their nuclear plants inspected by the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna in exchange for the nuclear-weapons states reducing their own arsenals.

Poland's fate

The Polish government and, certainly the Soviet Union behind it, could take it no longer. A state of siege has been declared, the leaders and officials of the free trade union Solidarity are in prison and the government has announced severe penalties for infringement of the law. This means in effect that any one, Solidarity included, who dared provoke the government, would be liable to imprisonment. The Warsaw Spring, like the Prague Spring of 1968, appears to be over. This is not so surprising. It is surprising that Solidarity and the bulk of the Polish people behind it, had it so good for so long. The clampdown took some time to be imposed and the Soviet army was restrained much longer than it had been with regard to Hungary, Czechoslovakia and East Germany. In part, it was the Soviet invasion and occupation of Afghanistan and the massive foreign debts of Poland which helped delay Soviet vengeance.

Deng sees China's troubles mounting

By Jonathan Mirsky

LONDON — China's Communist Party is pitilessly scrutinizing itself. *Red Flag*, the party's own journal, has warned members that anyone can be removed including "those comrades promoted too high and who need to make up their missed lessons at lower levels." Ex-Chairman Hua Guofeng, who was displaced earlier this year, is the example that will spring to every party member's mind. Some comrades are afraid, according to an earlier *Red Flag*, to hurt the feelings of old colleagues, but personal feelings must be set aside, the journal advises. It quotes Vice-Chairman Deng Xiaoping's promise that no one who violates party discipline "will remain at large."

Rene tries to keep Seychelles neutral

By Alastair Matheson

NAIROBI — The French mercenary Bob Denard, when he was "big daddy" of the Comores after his successful coup in 1978, was once asked why these bunch of volcanic peaks sticking out of the Indian Ocean had any importance. Pointing seaward from a craggy hilltop to a string of supertankers on the horizon sailing from the Gulf around the Cape, he smiled wryly and said: "You think we're poor? These are our resources — out there."

Saudi Arabian press review

The forthcoming visit of Crown Prince Fahd to the U.S. is the recent developments in support of the Palestinian issue in the United Nations and the French stand on the Palestinian cause figured for editorial comments in Sunday's newspapers.

On Crown Prince Fahd's visit to the U.S. on Jan. 19, *Okaz* said the trip will have a positive impact on the future of peace and stability in the Middle East and the whole world.

"The importance of Prince Fahd's visit to the U.S. can be determined by the worldwide attention given by the international media to Prince Fahd's constructive role in promoting international economic stability and introducing the peace plan on the directive of King Khaled for a just and fair solution in the Middle East," the paper said.

On the same subject, *Al-Madinah* said Prince Fahd's visit to Washington will strengthen further the ever-increasing political role played by Saudi

Angola, Senegal agree to normalize ties

By Mary Chalmers

LISBON — President Abdou Diouf of Senegal has opened the way for reconciliation between Marxist Angola and conservative African states which give low-key support to the Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA). The Senegalese leader held a two-hour meeting with Angolan President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos on the Cape Verde Islands last month, aimed at establishing diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Angola is currently represented in the Senegalese capital, Dakar, by an official mission of UNITA, a former nationalist guerrilla movement which, since independence in 1975, has been pitted against the Cuban-backed government in Luanda.

Former Senegalese President Leopold Senghor refused to recognize the ruling Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), due to the continuing presence of Cuban troops in the country. But Senghor stepped down early this year and the winds of change are how blowing through the corridors of power in Dakar.

President Dos Santos flew to Cape Verde for a two-day visit two weeks ago and President Diouf flew in the next day on a private visit, shrouded in secrecy until the last moment. Angola's official news agency, ANGOP, described the summit

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Poland's fate

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Much the same reply could be given on the Seychelles today by President France Albert Rene, after surviving yet another attempt to overthrow him — for those tankers are also passing his island.

Of all the many islands in the vast Indian Ocean which straddle the oil route to the West, the Seychelles is by far the most strategically situated. At the top end of a long chain of islands, it is the "Adam's apple" of the tanker lane's "throat" passing through the Mozambique channel Narrows.

Mahe, chief island of the Seychelles chain, lies exactly midway between Mombasa on the African mainland and the Diego Garcia atoll, making it an obvious staging point in the logistic supply line to the remote atoll, the main U.S. "launching pad" in the entire Indian Ocean. So, when the Rapid Deployment Force eventually gets under way, the Seychelles could be a link, albeit a weak one, in the chain.

Its weakness lies in Rene's current ambivalent role in trying to be strictly nonaligned in the latest cold war moves on the Indian Ocean chessboard, yet at the same time carrying out his country's obligations to the West.

Most visible of these is "le Golfball," the big white dome and central feature of the American tracking station, which was built when the island was securely inside the Western defense chain east of Suez. Rene's decision this year to renew the lease for the U.S. communication facility is one of several ironies on these islands which are seen to be Marxist-orientated.

Although it does not suit his radical left-wing image, it would not surprise men like Bill Attwood, former U.S. ambassador to Kenya, who wrote in his book *The Reds and the Blacks* that when Rene was still a fledgling politician in the 60s he used to hang around the embassy in Nairobi seeking support and handouts.

A Socialist he certainly is, but Rene certainly tried hard to steer a strictly nonaligned course at a time when the whole Indian Ocean scenario intensified dramatically with Iran's revolution and the Soviet presence in Afghanistan. He has successfully resisted Soviet pressure for a naval foothold on the islands by ruling that the superpowers can refuel and revictual their warships but only on a quota basis, and nothing more.

Even after the abortive coup revealed the glaring gaps in the country's security, it was not to East Germany or to Cuba that Rene sent his special emissary last week, but to Bonn for West German assistance and money.

While interest in the Seychelles and the Indian Ocean region remains a high priority, it is not believed that the U.S. State Department would involve itself in such a messy and botched affair as the farcical shootout and hijacking at Pointe Laque airport.

But it is equally inconceivable that South Africa, if it officially organized the attempt, would not have been more ingenious with a back-up plan. Some African diplomats, however, think it is possible that have been responsible, and gravely underestimated the task ahead.

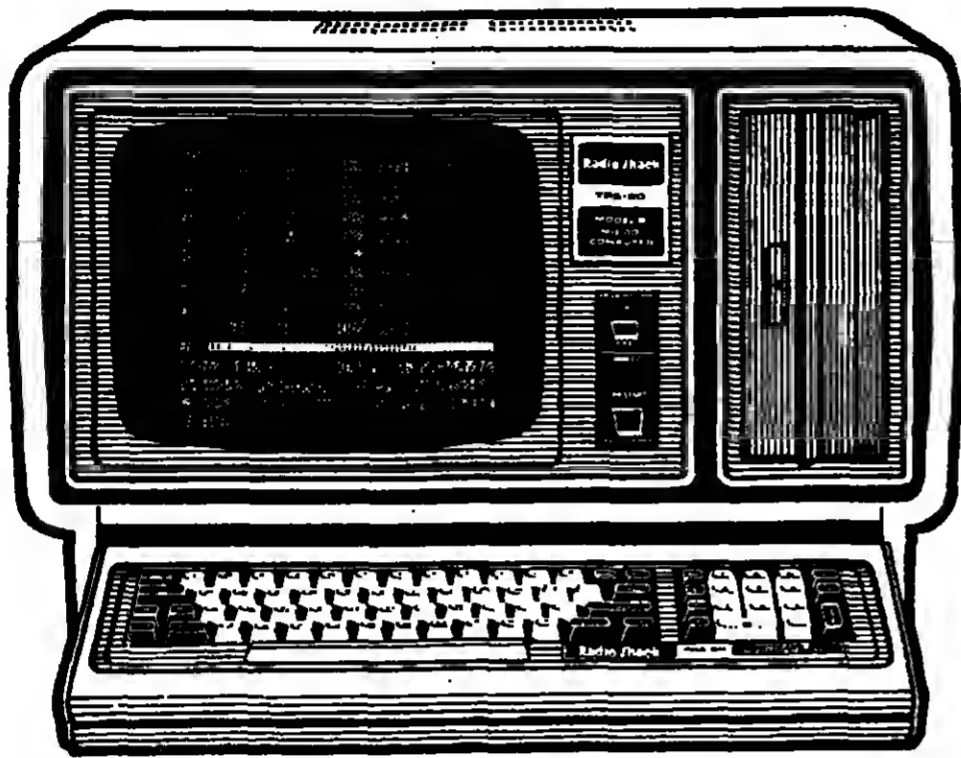
Certainly most Seychellois exiles would be happy to back any attempt which would open up the islands to free enterprise again.

The public inquiry which the Seychelles has requested the United Nations to undertake may get

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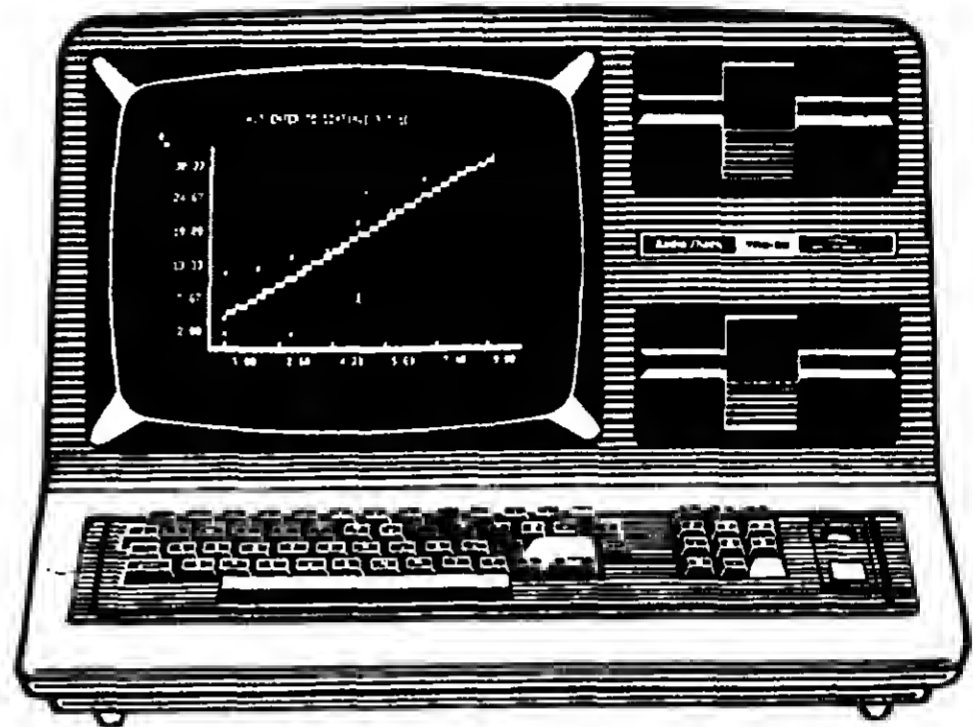
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Extension for six months

Bonn, Berlin reach agreement on credit

HUBERTUSSTOCK, East Germany, Dec. 13 (R) — West Germany has agreed to extend an interest-free credit to East Germany for six months beyond the expiry of the present arrangement at the end of this month, West German sources said.

The agreement was reached Saturday during talks between West German Economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff and a senior East German official, Guenter Mittag, within the framework of West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's visit to the East.

The annual credit, which enables East Germany to buy West German goods, currently runs to \$580 million. It would normally revert to its original level of \$90 million at the end of this year until a new agreement was reached.

The West German sources said an interim extension accord would be signed next

Thursday. Talks on a new agreement would be held until mid-1982 with the participation of the West German Central Bank (Bundesbank). Bonn government sources said last month the Bundesbank was unwilling to finance the credit beyond this year.

Delegation sources said Count Lambsdorff had proposed talks should begin soon on piping Soviet gas to West Berlin through East Germany. Mittag did no object, they added. Last month, the Soviet gas export agency Soyuzgazexport said it was prepared to supply an annual 700 million cubic meters (25 billion cubic feet) of Siberian gas to West Berlin, the first such offer.

It would be piped to West Berlin from the main East-West trunk line running through Czechoslovakia and crossing East Germany which surrounds West Berlin.

Suez toll may be collected in dollars

ISMAILLA, Dec. 13 (R) — The Suez Canal Authority is considering collecting transit tolls in dollars instead of the present system of Special Drawing Rights (SDR), the Authority Chairman Mashour Ahmad Mashour has said.

Mashour told a news conference this was because the value of the SDR against the U.S. dollar had dropped from about \$1.30 in 1980 to about \$1.16 this year, leading to a decrease in toll revenues.

The chairman confirmed transit tolls would be increased by an average of five percent as from Jan. 1, but he asserted that despite the increase, the Suez Canal is still the world's cheapest waterway. Mashour said oil tonnage transported through the 173 kms waterway in 1981 had increased by 60 percent compared with 1980.

The average daily transit income this year reached \$2.4 million, a 26 percent increase over 1980, he added.

UAE liquidity increases to \$9.6 billion

ABU DHABI, Dec. 13 (WMA): Liquidity in the UAE rose in the first six months of 1981 to DH 35.5 billion (\$9.6 billion) as compared to DH 33 billion (\$8.92 billion) in Dec. 1980.

The total currency in circulation as at June 1981 totaled DH 7.9 billion against DH 7.4 billion as at December 1980. This was stated in a report issued by the Central Bank on Development of Currency and Banking in the UAE in the first half of 1981.

The Central Bank's holdings in the first half of 1981 totaled DH 10.8 billion, as compared to DH 9.8 billion as at December 1980, a 10 percent increase, according to the report.

Current accounts with the Central Bank as at June 1981 totaled DH 3.2 billion. The amount of currency exported during the first half of this year totaled DH 22.8 billion.

The Central Bank's capital rose from DH 100 million at the end of 1980 to DH 300 million, when the bank law no. 10/81 was issued.

The report stated that a notable expansion of commercial banks activity was reflected in the growth of their total unified balances, which rose in the first half of 1981 to DH 57.8 billion.

Government assets in commercial banks continued to decline in the first half of this year, according to the report. Loans by banks until last June totaled DH 33.9 billion as compared to December 1980.

The total public revenue in the country during the present five-year plan (1981-1985) has been estimated at DH 303.2 billion (\$81.955 billion) as against DH 174.2 billion (\$47.1 billion) during the last five years (1976-1980).

The total public expenditure during this period will rise to DH 250 billion against DH 138.7 billion for the 1976-1980 period. The surplus of the country is expected to reach DH 53.3 billion from DH 35.5 billion during the last five years, according to the projection of the first five-year plan (1981-1985), prepared by the planning ministry. The plan has been submitted to the cabinet.

The projection estimates wages at DH 50.7 billion, showing a rise of 13.7 percent a year as against DH 21.3 billion during the last five years.

The total current expenditures will rise from DH 49.8 billion to 131.9 billion. These include wages, subsidies, relief aid and expenses on social securities. The capital expenditure has been estimated at DH 118 billion during the period as against 88.9 billion during 1976-1980. The capital expenditure includes allocations for the government investment programs, loans, shares in the Arab companies and the international corporations and external loans granted by the country.

New currency planned

China adopts new law to control income tax of foreign companies

PEKING, Dec. 13 (Agencies) — China's National People's Congress adopted a new law on income tax on foreign companies, approved a shakeup of the government bureaucracy and expressed its concern over rising prices Sunday.

Closing their 14-day 1981 session, the 3,200 members voted on 11 laws and resolutions in a 50-minute meeting. The income tax law, passed unanimously, will impose a levy of 20 to 40 percent, plus a 10 percent local tax, on foreign companies operating in China.

The law seemed likely to clear the way for U.S. oil companies to bid on exploration and development of China's offshore oil. They had been holding back until the tax situation was clarified. China's official Xinhua news agency said the law was written in such a way that foreign firms could claim taxes paid here as credit against their own nations' income taxes.

Officials told the congress the law was intended to attract more foreign investment to help accelerate China's economic modernization. In his report to the congress, Premier Zhao Ziyang took up another problem hindering economic progress — an overstuffed, inefficient, endlessly haggling, overlapping bureaucracy in which too many people have veto powers but responsibilities are not clearly spelled out.

A draft code of civil procedures was approved in principle. The text of the code has raised complex problems, according to the NPC legislative commission. Zhao's report on the economic situation, the important document presented at the session, was

adopted unanimously. In a resolution, the deputies asked the government to "take further steps next year to strengthen the control of finance, credit and prices." They said the "basic balance between revenue and expenditure is not consolidated" and that "prices of some commodities are still going up."

At the beginning of the NPC session, the premier announced that China's economy would continue to develop at a moderate rate in the coming years and that readjustments would likely continue for about five years. The budget deficit for 1982 is expected to be around \$1,700 million or slightly more than the anticipated deficit this year of \$1,550 million.

They adopted unanimously a resolution on reforestation which asked every citizen aged over 10 to plant from three to five trees each year. Delegates put off consideration of a revision of the constitution until the next plenary session.

Zhu Xuefan was elected a vice-chairman of the NPC by a unanimous vote minus one abstention. Zhu, 76, who joins 19 other vice-chairmen, is vice-president of the All-China Federation of Trade Unions. A native of Zhejiang, he was minister of posts and telecommunications before the cultural revolution.

The session also approved reports on the activities of the Supreme People's Court and Supreme People's Procuratorate (public prosecutor), the 2,318 motions put forward by the deputies and the 1980 budget and budget forecast.

Meanwhile, China is considering issuing a new kind of currency in the four special economic zones created last year to attract foreign investors.

The zones are in Shenzhen (Shumchum), Zhuhai and Shanton (Swatow) in the south of Guangdong province, and Xiamen (Amoy) in Fujian in the southeast. They were created to promote foreign investment and the introduction of advanced technology while bringing in large amount of foreign exchange.

The weekly Peking Review said in its latest issue the new currency was being considered because of the "unique characteristics" of the special zones, where use of foreign currency is for the time being restricted to a few places. Last year, China made it obligatory for foreigners to use currency certificates in shops reserved for foreigners, but without recognizing the certificates as a new kind of currency. These certificates are supplied by the Bank of China in exchange for foreign currency.

Meanwhile, The Peking Review said there was a certain amount of "exploitation" of workers in the special economic zones, where foreigners are allowed to repatriate part of the profits from their investments. China, the weekly added, was following a policy similar to that practiced vis-a-vis Chinese capitalists who rallied to the regime in the 1950s.

The weekly cited the example of Shenzhen, one of the four zones which is situated at the border with the British colony of Hong Kong where agreements on KPP projects with a total value of \$400 million were signed during the past three years. Of these, 548 were already in operation while another 95 were under construction.

Bonn to step up cooperation with Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 13 (AP) — The level of economic cooperation between West Germany and Pakistan, which doubled this year, is expected to further improve during the coming years, a top parliamentarian from that country has said.

Dr. Heinz Gunther Husch, vice chairman of the West German Parliamentary Committee on Economic Cooperation, said Saturday upon arrival here that relations between West Germany and Pakistan are "very good" and that members of his committee "strongly support increased cooperation in the economic field."

The Christian Democratic Party member is visiting Pakistan with two other members of his committee, Helga Schuchardt of the Free Democratic Party and H. Binding of the Social Democratic Party. The main purpose of his visit is to see how Pakistan's development projects can be implemented with his country's assistance, he said. In answer to a question, Dr. Husch said the Afghan problem

arises out of the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan and "does not concern Pakistan alone, but all the countries of the world must continue their efforts for the withdrawal of Soviet troops from that country."

He said Pakistan's role in the maintenance and relief of Afghan refugees is "praiseworthy." He said "in view of the geopolitical situation in the region, it is imperative that Pakistan should be strong enough militarily as well as economically."

Meanwhile, the Minister Otto Graf Lambsdorff arrives in New Delhi Monday on a two-day visit during which he will have meetings with Indian ministers and businessmen.

His program includes a call on Indian President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and discussions with at least five Indian ministers on topics ranging from Indo-German collaboration to the North-South dialogue. The problems of the world economy and their impact on the economics of both countries are likely to dominate the ministers' discussions with Indian leaders.

The team of German industrialists accompanying him will assess the investment climate here, the sources said.

This is Lambsdorff's second visit to India this year. In August, he came to the west coast city of Bombay to participate in the silver jubilee celebration of the Indo-German Chamber of Commerce. West Germany is emerging as one of India's leading partners in trade and collaboration.

One hundred Indo-German collaboration agreements were sanctioned by the Indian government during 1980. In all, 511 Indo-German agreements are currently in operation, including 121 joint ventures with German shareholdings varying between 0.16 percent and 74 percent.

Main areas of German investment in India are machinery, chemicals, pharmaceutical products, electrical products, vehicles and automobile accessories.

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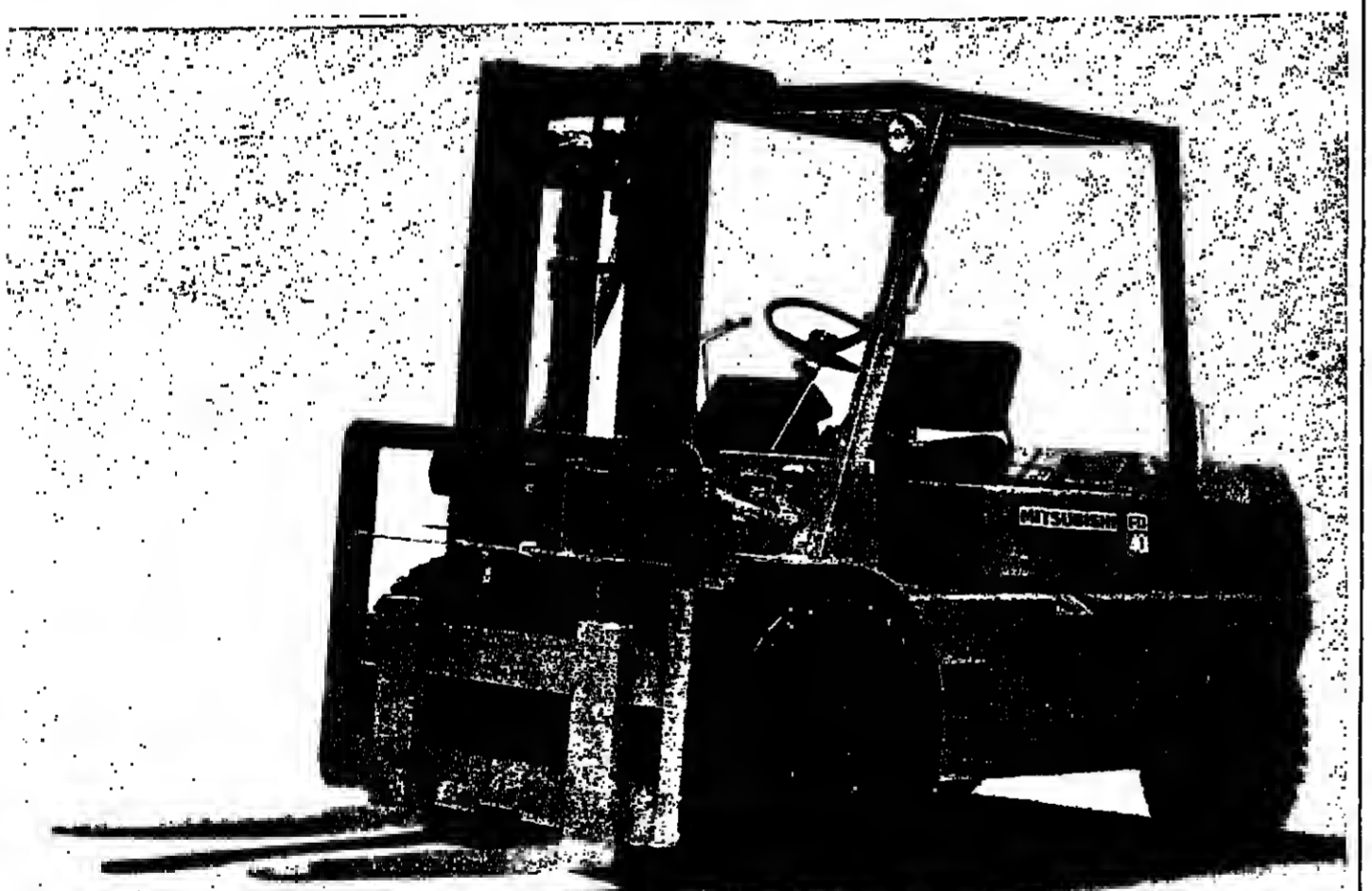
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Flamengo outclasses Liverpool

TOKYO, Dec. 13. (Agencies) — Flamengo of Brazil outclassed Liverpool of England 3-0 to win the World Club Soccer Championship here Sunday.

pass from Zico and lashed the ball into the Liverpool net from the right. The usually aggressive Liverpool side disappointed and were unable to get back into the match.

Meanwhile, Tottenham Hotspur start their defense of the English Football Association (FA) Cup against north London rivals Arsenal at home on January 2.

Don Buse steers Pacers past Nets

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (AP) — Indiana Pacers were headed for their second straight defeat in two days. After losing a close battle against Milwaukee Bucks Friday night, they trailed by eight points in the last quarter against the New Jersey Nets.

Bucks came on strongly in the last two quarters to score 56 points in both the periods. Elsewhere in other NBA actions, it was Washington Bullets 105, Phoenix Suns 98; San Antonio Spurs 111, Utah Jazz 97;

— 20 during a decisive second-half — and guard Kevin Grevey added 20 more as the Washington Bullets beat the Phoenix Suns 105-98.

Floyd, Crenshaw in close race for crown

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 13 (AP) — Ray Floyd finished with a 4-under-par 68 Saturday to move into a tie for first place with Ben Crenshaw after the third round of the 31st Mexican Open Golf Tournament.

with a narrow 1-stroke lead over Floyd and Dan Pohl, had a bogey on the 212-yard, par-3 seventh to finish the front nine 1 over.

the running. Defending champion David Graham of Australia also appears to be out of it with his three-day score of 214.

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Sanchez gains verdict against gallant Cowdell

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 13 (R) — World Boxing Council (WBC) featherweight champion Salvador Sanchez of Mexico overcame gallant British challenger Pat Cowdell to retain his title by winning a 15-round split points decision here Saturday night.

The bard-punching Sanchez, making his seventh successful defense of the title, opened cuts above both eyes of Cowdell and put him down in the dying seconds of the fight.

Salnikov betters own world mark

BARNET, England, Dec. 13 (AP) — Vladimir Salnikov, double Olympic champion, set a world record in the 400 meters freestyle Saturday and helped the Soviet men's team to first place at the halfway stage of the European Swimming Cup.

Bangalore Test set for draw Gavaskar plods to 163

BANGALORE, India, Dec. 13 (Agencies) — The second cricket Test between England and India here headed for a tame draw Sunday with the home side 405 for seven wickets in the first innings at stumps on the fourth day.

This sparked off a mini-pitch invasion, but the Indian skipper's 100 was delayed when Pajil became yet another Lever lbw victim after making 17 runs out of a stand of 28.

Gavaskar, survived an appeal for leg before, but new man Vishwanath was not so fortunate. He faced 12 balls before falling lbw to Lever.

Score-board table showing England (1st Innings) scores: 400, 163, 65, 43, 3, 17, 24, 59, 23, 405.

Resch, Hess excel in World Skiing

VAL GARDENA, Italy, Dec. 13 (AFP) — Erwin Resch, 20, of Austria won the men's Alpine Skiing World Cup Downhill here Sunday to claim his first ever World Cup victory.

It was Sunday but still won the combined event of the Madonna Special Slalom and Sunday's Downhill increasing his lead in the World Cup standings to 95 points.

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In action-packed doubles match

Vilas, Clerc give seasoned U.S. pair a fright

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 13 (AP) — John McEnroe and Peter Fleming fought off a gallant upset bid by Argentina's Jose-Luis Clerc and Guillermo Vilas to capture a marathon doubles match 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 4-6, 11-9 Saturday and give the United States a 2-1 lead in the best-of-five Davis Cup finals. McEnroe, the world's No. 1-ranked player, can give the United States its 26th Davis Cup championship by beating Clerc in Sunday's first of two singles matches. Vilas, ranked sixth in the world just behind his Davis Cup Teammate, will take on American Roscoe Tanner in the final match. Argentina would have to win both the singles matches Sunday to attain its first Davis Cup title. McEnroe and Fleming, who combined to win the men's doubles titles at both Wimbledon and the U.S. Open this year, leaped into the air with joy when Vilas' high shot went wide, ending the 4-hour, 11-minute battle. Clerc and Vilas, who have played doubles together only on the Argentine Davis Cup squad, were decided underdogs going into Saturday's battle against the world's top doubles team. But McEnroe, who had to be restrained on the court several times by U.S.

captain Arthur Ashe, was off his usual game and only Fleming's sparkling serve enabled the Americans to win the opening set. McEnroe, who just finished serving a 21-day Volvo Grand Prix suspension, had his first clash following the second game of the second set. The 22-year-old left-hander said something to Argentine captain Carlos Junquet. Ashe, who earlier had said he would forfeit the match if it appeared the U.S. team would be disqualified for the well-publicized on-court behaviour of its members, rushed onto the court and talked to McEnroe while Junquet approached umpire Bob Jenkins of Britain. After his brief conversation with McEnroe, Ashe then talked to Junquet. But following the third game, as the two teams changed ends, Clerc said something to McEnroe and the two charged toward each other with the net in the middle. Ashe again rushed onto the court, this time stepping between the impetuous American star and Clerc. In the eighth game, McEnroe fell hard on his right shoulder as he was attempting to make a shot. After sitting on the blue-tinted

carpet and rubbing his right forearm just below the elbow, he arose slowly and pointed to a spot where the seams of the carpet had pulled loose. Clerc then took Ashe and referee Kurt Nielsen of Denmark to his side of the court where he proceeded to pull up part of the carpet. When the right-hander started to pull up another section, Nielsen apparently gave him a warning. After a 23-minute delay to repair the court, Vilas held serve at love to run the score to 5-3, Argentina, and Clerc also held at love to even the match at one set each. There were only three breaks in the first two sets — two coming in the first set Clerc the victim both times. But the third set began with three consecutive breaks and the Argentinians, going after their first Davis Cup title, taking a 2-1 lead. Clerc held serve to give Argentina a 3-1 advantage before McEnroe and Fleming broke Vilas in the sixth game to put the match back on serve. The Americans broke Vilas again in the 10th game — at love — to take the third set 6-4. But after McEnroe held serve to open the fourth set, Ashe returned to

the court to restrain the volatile left-hander as he started after Vilas and Clerc. During the changeover, Ashe talked heatedly to his star player and McEnroe, although he could not be heard, was demonstratively replying to his captain. Again as the players changed sides, Clerc and McEnroe traded comments and started toward each other. When the confrontation ended, Nielsen moved from his customary spot in the stands to a chair at court immediately behind the umpire. McEnroe lost his serve in the ninth game of the fourth set when the umpire overruled a linesman and called McEnroe's volley out at game point. Clerc then held at love and the match was tied at two sets each. Fleming lost his serve in the 13th game when Clerc snapped a crosscourt forehand service return at game point. The shot stunned the crowd into silence. Not even the Argentine group appeared to believe that Clerc and Vilas were able to pull off the upset. The Americans broke Vilas at love to knot the score 7-7 before McEnroe had to save off two match points and four deuces before holding his serve.



John McEnroe, not his usual



Peter Fleming, sparkling serve

Chappell criticizes MCG wicket

Aussies face uphill task

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 13 (AP) — Australia are facing the disturbing prospect of staving off defeat on a crumbling wicket during the final two days of the third cricket Test against Pakistan. At stumps on the third day Sunday Australia were 197 for four wickets, still needing 104 runs to avoid the follow-on. The not out batsmen were Graeme Wood on 78 and Dirk Wellham on 13. Pakistan captain Javed Miandad declared his side's first innings closed Saturday at 500 for eight. The home side lost more than an hour's batting time after rain had begun falling during the luncheon interval. Australian captain Greg Chappell again attacked the MCG pitch and his comments appeared to be supported by the poor attendance over the last three days, with crowds totaling only 27,000.

Pakistan still managed to gain the upper hand. Australia resumed this morning at 15 for no wicket with openers Graeme Wood and Bruce Laird batting confidently and aggressively. Australia's first wicket fell at 75 when Laird was trapped lbw by Iqbal Qasim for 35. After the rain stopped more than an hour after the lunch break Pakistan soon gained the vital wicket of Chappell. The captain had looked uncomfortable throughout his 75-minute innings and was nearly caught and bowled by Raja, who dropped a difficult chance when Chappell had scored seven. But just before the tea break Chappell was caught behind for 22 by Wasim Bari attempting to sweep Wasim Raja. Pakistan captured their third wicket, 12 minutes later when Allan Border was run out after he was called through by Wood for an impossible single.

"I bet there are a lot of people who have become disenchanted with Test cricket in the last three days," Chappell said. "Because the wicket is so slow you are always getting comments from over the fence because the cricket is also slow. The wicket can only get worse." Chappell said he was worried about how the wicket would perform against the powerful West Indies in about two weeks. "The ball stays so low and doesn't do anything — it does nothing but get worse. It has been a long time since a pace bowler has not got a wicket after three days of a Test match." Although the wicket was slow Sunday

Pakistan captured their third wicket, 12 minutes later when Allan Border was run out after he was called through by Wood for an impossible single.

Score-board
PAKISTAN (1ST INNINGS): 500 for 8 decl.
AUSTRALIA (1ST INNINGS):
G. Wood batting 78
B. Laird lbw Qasim 35
G. Chappell c Bari b Raja 22
A. Border run out 7
K. Hughes c and b Qasim 34
D. Wellham batting 13
Extras 8
Total (for 4 wickets) 197
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-75, 2-118, 3-127, 4-173.
BOWLING: Imran 13-2-26-0; Sarfraz 8-1-28-0; Raja 32-6-37-1; Qasim 3-1-2-29-2; Sikander 2-0-9-0.



TOGETHER: The Jeddah rugby team line up before their match last Friday. Jeddah downed Dhahran RFC 35-3 to maintain their unbeaten record.

Windies poised for innings victory

BRISBANE, Australia, Dec. 13 (AP) — The touring West Indian cricketers were on the verge of a crushing innings win over Queensland at the Brisbane Cricket ground Sunday. Queensland was bundled out for a first innings total of 165 leaving the West Indians ahead by 374 runs and by the close of play Queensland in their second innings had struggled to 270 for nine wickets. It was third string speedster Malcolm Marshall who wrecked the Queensland first innings with a devastating burst of five for 31 as he made a strong bid for first Test inclusion. Queensland had started the day at 130 for five in its first innings and added only 35

runs before the innings folded weekly. Apart from Wessels, Ritchie and Phillips the remainder of the Queensland batsmen surrendered meekly and in the end the West Indians were reeling against time to wrap up the match. But Keith De Jong (not out 15) and diminutive spinner Dennis Lillie (not out 8) bung on grimly forcing the match into the fourth day. Richards was the chief destroyer with four wickets for 77 runs. Brief Scores: West Indians 539 for 7 decl. vs Queensland 165 (G. Ritchie 55, Marshall 5 for 31, Holding 2 for 29) and 270 for 9 (K. Wessels 57, G. Ritchie 71, R. Phillips 51; Clarke 3 for 51, Richards 4 for 77).

Trounces Dhahran RFC

Jeddah keeps clean slate

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 13 — Jeddah's impressive unbeaten run was extended Friday at Benson and Hedges Park as Dhahran RFC were beaten 35 — 3. It is difficult to use this game as a true guide of Jeddah's strength as only three Dhahran first team members played due to the visitors presence in the Dubai Seven-a-Side tournament, but it gives Dhahran food for thought for the return fixture in the New Year. The game began with Jeddah attacking the Dhahran line and within three minutes Dave Pethers opened the hosts' account, 3 — 0. Immediately returning to the attack, fluent second phase ball gave left winger Micky Lyons the chance to cross over unopposed. Pethers converted to give the hosts a 9 — 0 lead. Dhahran began to take play to the opponents half at this stage and were rewarded for continuous pressure by Andy Radowski's penalty; 9 — 3. On the stroke of half time out half Myles Babcock broke clear for an unconverted try and at the interval the score read 13 — 3. The second half began with pressure from both sides producing good open running rugby, helped immensely by the clear directive given by the referee. The visitors felt they were still in with a chance at this stage, but a hat-trick of tries by Steve Newsome, one converted by Pethers, put the result beyond doubt. Jeddah's pack looked extremely impressive and excellent backing up by

Newsome and the back row were responsible for the five second half tries. The last two nails in the Dhahran coffin were hammered by Bob Phillips in the same fashion and gave the home team a pleasing result of 35 — 3. Dhahran second team captain, Graeme Cocks, was impressed by the home teams commitment, but voiced apprehension in their three quarters ability if pitched against the full Dhahran team. Meanwhile, Al Khobar Eagles widened their rugby experience with their first match against Bahrain RFC. The final score was 24 — 7 in favor of the Bahrain team, but with three quarters of the match completed the Eagles were trailing by only 11 — 7 and looked the stronger and fitter team. Unfortunately three quick blows jolted the Eagles and their opponents took full advantage. Mick Lynch (damaged ribs) and Dave Evers (dislocated shoulder) left the field while Alf Jones hobbled on to the end. As is usual this season, Al Khobar won most of the lineout balls and produced excellent second phase ball. From such a situation Mick Challenger scored the first try for the Eagles as he dived over in the corner. Dudley Jones completed the scoring with a penalty later. All in all it was a good weekend for the Eagles with Dave Evers and Wilf Conway appearing on Bahrain radio and the team being invited to return before the end of the season.



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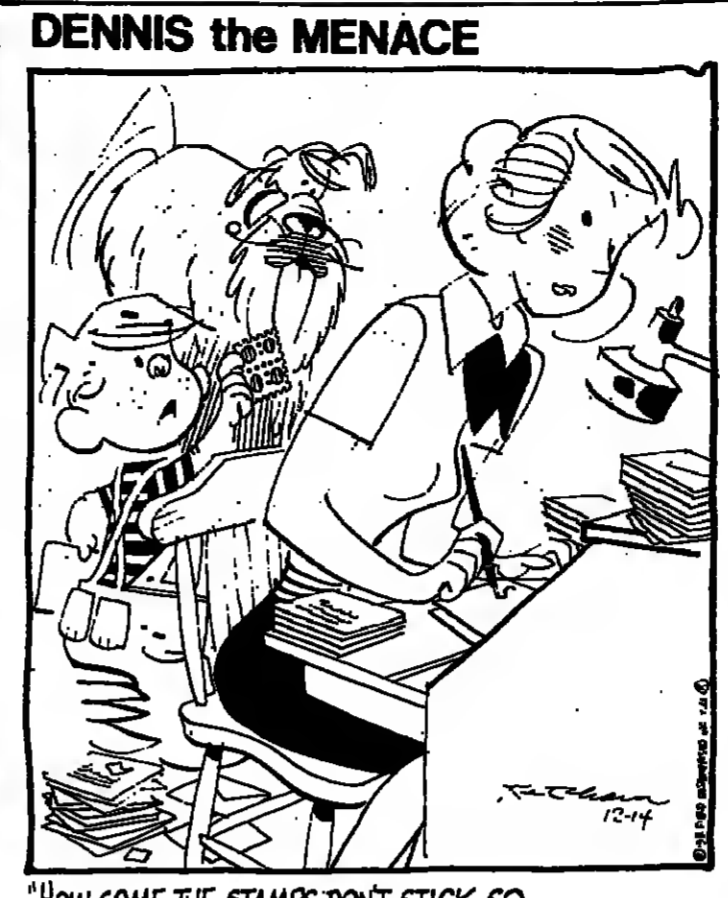
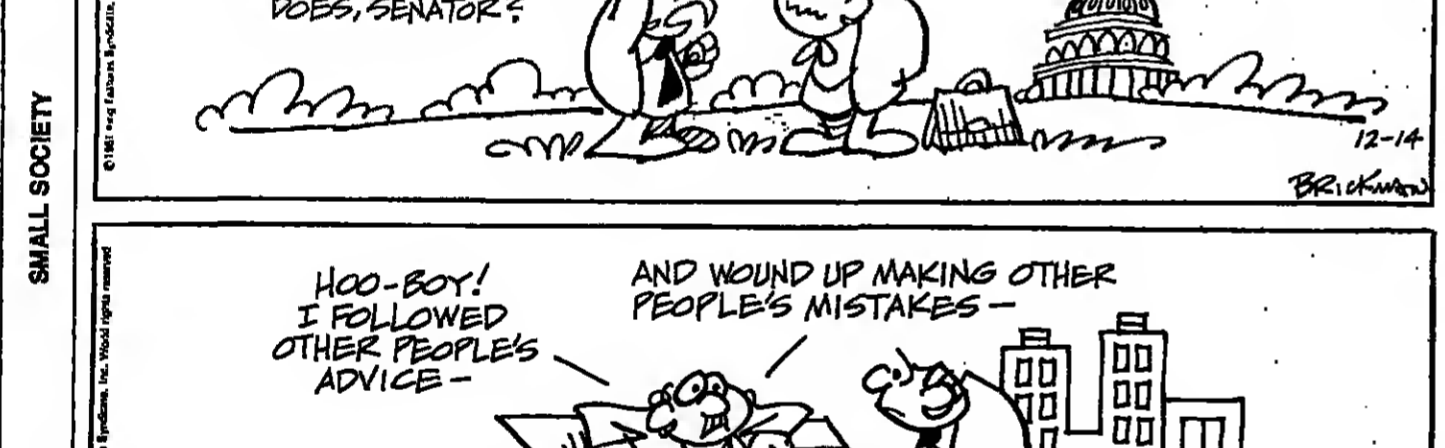
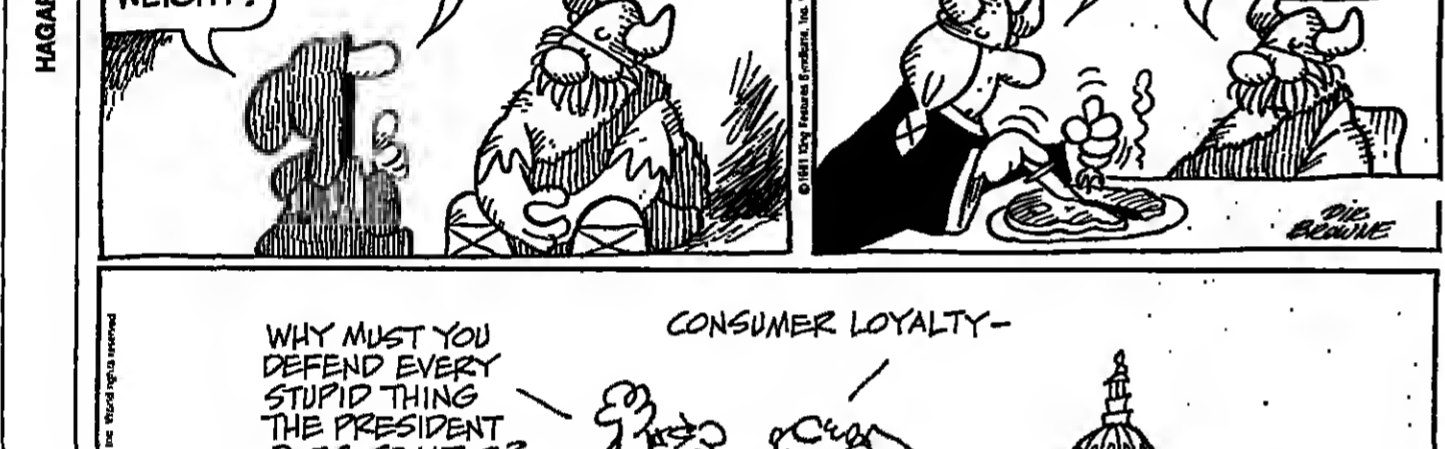
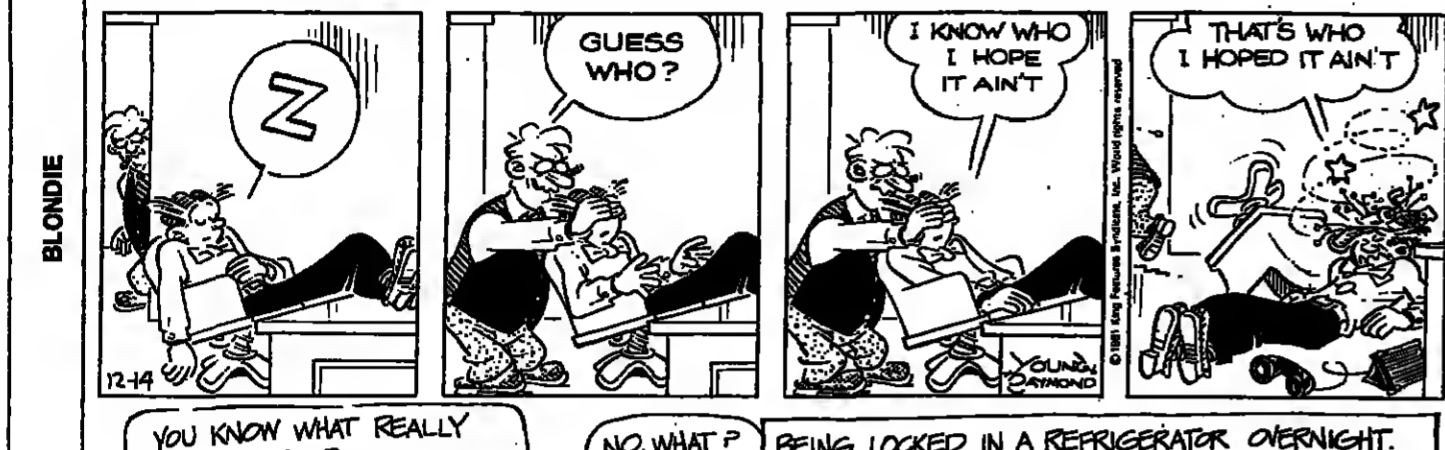
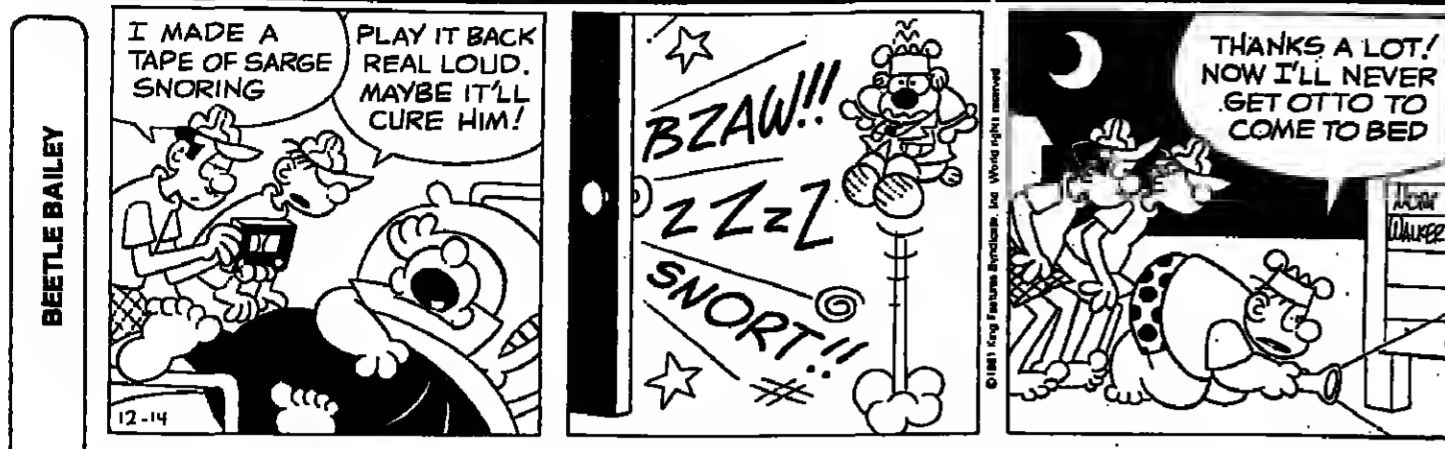
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